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HEALTH PROFILES FOR PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health has a legislative mandate to "protect the health of the people of the Commonwealth and to determine the most efficient and practical means for the prevention and suppression of disease." In order to advance toward these goals, we need statistical information on the health status of the population, the health care delivery system, and demographic and population characteristics.

The first health profiles were published in 1977 to provide a compendium of health data. These profiles have been updated and revised biennially, starting in 1978, to better meet the needs of governmental leaders, health program specialists, state and local planners, and concerned citizens.

The Health Profiles for Pennsylvania Counties are a series of 68 individual profiles - one for each county and one for the Commonwealth. The most recent information available was used. The year which the data represents is included in the profiles following each data item. Estimated population figures for 1984 are used throughout the profiles for the listed population as well as in the computation of all rates.

The major data source is the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health - specifically the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program, the Annual Hospital and Long Term Care Questionnaires, the Uniform Data Collection System for drug and alcohol information and the Developmental Disabilities Facility Questionnaire as funded by the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. Additional sources include other units of the Department, (i.e. the Bureaus of Quality Assurance, Epidemiology and Disease Prevention, and Special Public Health Services), Pennsylvania State Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Pennsylvania Office of Employment Security and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

The profiles will continue to be updated biennially, with the next edition available in 1988. Comments and suggestions for improvement are welcome. If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, please contact the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health, P.O. Box 90, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108, telephone number (717) 783-2548.

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POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS
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1. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Total Land Area in Square Miles	348	Median Age of Population (1980)	33.1
Estimated Population (1984)	276,500	% Population Urban (1980)	81.6
Population per Square Mile (1984)	795	Per Capita Personal Income (1983)	$12,727
% Population Change 1980 to 1984	+ 1.5	% of Population Receiving Cash Assistance (1985)	3.4
Projected Population (1990)	284,933	% of Labor Force Unemployed-Annual Average (1985)	7.9
% Population Change 1980 to 1990	+ 4.6	% of Pop. Eligible for Medical Assistance (1985)	5.3

Estimated Population by Age and Sex (1984)

AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
ALL AGES	276,500	132,566	143,934	35-44	36,276	17,789	18,487
0-4	17,606	9,167	8,439	45-54	28,516	13,666	14,850
5-14	34,578	17,760	16,818	55-64	30,812	14,267	16,545
15-24	43,020	21,453	21,567	65+	38,909	15,410	23,499
25-34	46,783	23,054	23,729				

2. MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES (1984)

Number of Marriages	2,130	Number of Divorces	901
Rate per 1,000 Population	7.7	Rate per 1,000 Population	3.3
Median Age of Bride	25	Median Age of Wife	32
Median Age of Groom	27	Median Age of Husband	35

3. NATALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Births	3,475
Rate per 1,000 Population	12.6
Median Age of Mother	27
% Low Birth Weight (<2500 grams)	6.3

Resident Births by Age of Mother, Number and Percent (1984)

AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT	AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT
ALL AGES	3,475	100.0	30-34	770	22.2
UNDER 15	8	0.2	35-39	188	5.4
15-19	312	9.0	40-44	20	0.6
20-24	904	26.0	45+	0	—
25-29	1,273	36.6	UNKNOWN	0	—

4. MORBIDITY (1985)

Incidence of Notifiable Diseases

Gonorrhea		295	Meningitis:	Aseptic	37	Salmonellosis	38
Hepatitis:	Type A	28	Meningitis:	Meningococcal	3	Shigellosis	2
Hepatitis:	Type B	30	Mumps		1	Syphilis	5
Hepatitis:	Unspecified	0	Rubella		1	Tuberculosis	30
Hepatitis:	Non-A/Non-B	5					

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)

5. MORTALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Deaths	2,705	Number of Resident Infant Deaths	29
Crude Rate per 1,000 Population	9.8	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	8.3
Median Age at Death	75.1	Number of Fatalities in Motor Vehicle Accidents in Which Driver Had Been Drinking	14

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, Number and Percent (1984)

All Ages			Under 5 Years of Age			5-24 Years of Age		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Heart Disease	1,162	43.0	Perinatal Conditions	18	54.5	Accidents, All Forms	18	42.9
Cancer	615	22.7	Congenital Anomalies	6	18.2	Suicide	6	14.3
Cerebrovascular Disease	178	6.6	Accidents, All Forms	3	9.1	Cancer	4	9.5
Accidents, All Forms	78	2.9	Heart Disease	1	3.0	Heart Disease	3	7.1
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	73	2.7	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	1	3.0	Homicide	2	4.8
All Other	599	22.1	All Other	4	12.1	All Other	9	21.4
TOTAL	2,705	100.0	TOTAL	33	100.0	TOTAL	42	100.0

25-44 Years of Age			45-64 Years of Age			65 Years of Age and Over		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Cancer	22	25.0	Cancer	183	37.0	Heart Disease	964	47.1
Accidents, All Forms	15	17.0	Heart Disease	180	36.4	Cancer	406	19.8
Heart Disease	14	15.9	Cerebrovascular Disease	18	3.6	Cerebrovascular Disease	158	7.7
Suicide	14	15.9				Pneumonia and Influenza	68	3.3
Homicide	5	5.7				Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	60	2.9
All Other	18	20.5	All Other	114	23.0	All Other	391	19.1
TOTAL	88	100.0	TOTAL	495	100.0	TOTAL	2,047	100.0

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES

1. HOSPITALS (1985)

Number of Hospitals by Type:

Total	General Acute Care	Psychiatric	Rehabilitation	Federal	Other
8	6	1	1	0	0

Number of General Hospitals with the Following Ambulatory Care Services/Facilities:

Community Mental Health Center	1	Structured Clinics	5	Emergency Services Capability:			
Home Health Service	1	Family Practice Center	2	Limited	0	General	5
				Basic	0	Comprehensive	1

Number of General/Specialty Hospitals with Neonatal Units:

Well Infant Nursery	4	Neonatal Intermediate Care Unit	1	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	1

General Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	1,688	6.1
Admissions	62,107	224.6

Specialty and Federal Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	533	1.9
Admissions	1,367	4.9

Average General Hospital Semi-Private Daily Room Rate $222

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES (Continued)

2. NURSING HOMES [1984]

Licensed/Approved Facilities by Level of Care and Certification

Type of Facility	Total	Certified-Medicare	Certified-Medicaid
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	4	3	4
Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)	0	0	0
SNF/ICF Combined Facility	8	8	8
TOTAL	12	11	12

Level of Care	Number of Licensed/ Approved Beds	Number per 1,000 Population Aged 65 and Over
Skilled	1,442	37.1
Intermediate	927	23.8
Total (SNF + ICF)	2,369	60.9

Median Age of Residents in Long Term Care Facilities 83.4

Median Semi-Private Daily Room Rate
Skilled $60
Intermediate $63

3. OTHER HEALTH SERVICES/FACILITIES

a. Drug and Alcohol Treatment (1985)

Admissions to State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities

Number of Facilities	Total Admissions	Primary Diagnosis: Drug Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Alcohol Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Other*	Percent First Admissions
9	1,009	452	537	20	37.9

Number of State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities Providing Specified Services

Inpatient Non-Hospital	Inpatient Hospital	Correctional Institution	Partial Hospitalization	Outpatient	Shelter
2	3	0	0	4	0

*Includes family members receiving counseling.

b. Emergency Health Services (1985)

Certified Emergency Medical Technicians	606	Certified Paramedics I	1
Ambulance Providers	19	Certified Paramedics II	64

c. Agencies/Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (1983)

Total Number of Agencies/Facilities 10

Total Serving the Following Disabilities:

Mental Retardation	9	Autism	8	Muscular Dystrophy	9
Cerebral Palsy	10	Learning Disabilities	10	Other	9
Epilepsy	10	Multiple Sclerosis	8		

d. Primary Health Care Centers (1985)

Number of Agencies 2

e. Licensed Boarding Homes (1985)

Number of Homes 4